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BUSKIRK'S
Independence Nurseries
Independence, Ohio

To Our Friends and Customers

IN PRESENTING to you this Catalogue of Aquatic Plants and Fishes, a little explanation will probably be necessary.

Three years ago we sold to William Tricker the Retail Waterlily and Fish Department of our Nursery. We retained most of our ponds (to be exact, 53 ponds). For a great many years Water Plants and Fish has been a hobby of Mr. A. S. Buskirk, President of The Independence Nurseries Company. Under his management, and fostered by his love for the Lilies, the ponds are once more well stocked with fine Waterlilies. In the spring of 1928 and 1929 we received from Marliac, of France, many of his new varieties, and we will soon have some new ones to offer.

We have felt, and it has been suggested by many of our nursery friends, that there should be (with the increased demand) a wholesale aquatic nursery —thus this Catalogue. We have made this booklet quite descriptive, knowing many are not acquainted with the different varieties.

We will be glad to give advice to you, or your customers, on building, planting, and maintaining pools, and the care of the Fish, both Gold and Tropical.

PRICES are all net and not subject to discount.

TERMS are cash unless special arrangements are made. Orders from unknown correspondents without satisfactory commercial rating should be accompanied by a remittance to cover the order.

OUR GUARANTEE. We guarantee our stock to be in good condition when it is packed; should there be any question about this on arrival, the goods are to be returned at once for our inspection.

We will have large specimen plants of many varieties of Waterlilies growing in pails or large containers, priced according to size and variety. These plants can be planted with success all summer. They will give immediate effect.

Please address all communications to

**BUSKIRK'S
INDEPENDENCE NURSERIES**

Independence, Ohio

White Waterlilies

GLADSTONE. The King of the Whites, surpassing all other Nymphaeas in size and freedom of bloom	10	100
	10 00	\$85 00
GONNERE. One of the new Lilies from Latour-Marliac. Originator's description: "This variety reminds one of <i>Tuberosa Richardsoni</i> in many respects but it is more interesting because more floriferous. Large, very double, pure white flowers; stamens canary-yellow.".....	150 00	
Loose. Originator's description: "A beautiful, large, white Waterlily, 5 to 7 inches across, with a peculiarly delightful fragrance. Particularly desirable, as it is a free and continuous bloomer, the flowers opening earlier in the day than any other Waterlily.....	10 50	100 00
Marliacea albida. Blooms continually throughout the season. The petals are white; yellow stamens. Really an excellent variety.....	7 50	60 00
Odorata. Indigenous to the northeastern United States. The flowers are of medium size, white, with yellow stamens. Well suited for planting in ponds to obtain natural effects, and should be used freely because of its beauty..	2 50	20 00
Odorata gigantea (Hopatcong). Well known in southeastern United States, where it grows naturally in ponds. Flowers pure white, quite large, and produced freely...	3 00	25 00
Odorata minor. A dwarf form of <i>N. odorata</i> and more suitable for tuber-growth.....	3 00	25 00
Tuberosa maxima. Pure white, fragrant flowers of medium size, and globular shape. The <i>Tuberosa</i> varieties are good for naturalizing as they are strong growers and will do well in deeper water than most varieties. Not so free-blooming as some of the hybrids..	5 00	40 00
Tuberosa Richardsoni. Flowers perfect cup-shape, pure white, double, and of good size—generally 6 to 8 inches across—with petals which are somewhat fluted in the center. True variety.....	10 00	85 00

We have just issued a special Catalogue of Rock-Garden Plants which will be sent on request to those gardeners who are interested.

Pink Waterlilies

COLLOSSEA. This magnificent variety is flesh-colored at first, then turning to white. One of the first to bloom in spring and continuing all through the summer.....	10	100
Eugenia de Land. Flowers deep rose-pink, with long, narrow petals and yellow stamens, borne upon the surface of the water. The plants are strong growers and will produce flowers freely.....	10 00	\$80 00
Gloire du Temple-Sur-Lot. (New.) Remarkable and very large, double <i>Nymphaea</i> resembling an immense decorative dahlia in form. Opens a beautiful pink that changes gradually to a pure white; stamens yellow; very fragrant. Frequently has over a hundred long, narrow, curled petals.....	75 00	
Helen Fowler. A seedling with deep pink, fragrant flowers 3 to 5 inches across. A strong grower and a continuous bloomer.....	8 00	75 00
LUSTROUS. A new variety of our own introduction. It is a distinct improvement over any known variety of pink Waterlily. The bloom is large, perfect cup-shaped, with a host of deep rose-pink petals, while the center is closely packed with yellow stamens. The sepals likewise are deep pink on the inside and brown beneath. There is a peculiar silvery sheen to the color, which gives it a wonderful luster entirely distinct from other varieties. The young leaves are reddish brown, turning to deep green with age and have a distinctly ruffled edge. The plant is a strong grower, but the short leaf-stems restrict the spread, making the clump of leaves more compact.....	70 00	
Marliac Flesh. Color light pink, which grows somewhat darker toward the base of the petals.....	12 50	100 00
Marliac Rose. The flowers are deep rose-color. One of the peculiarities of this plant is that the young, tender leaves are blush-red, changing to deep green as they become older.....	15 00	125 00
Morning Glory. A beautiful <i>Nymphaea</i> of our own introduction. The color is a delicate shell-pink, almost white at the petal tips, shading deeper toward the center of the flower; fragrant.....	22 50	200 00

PINK WATERLILIES, continued

Mrs. Richmond. A rare variety of singular beauty. Very large flowers of deep rose with lilac tints; petals broad and full; stamens a delicate canary-yellow. Rare and extremely choice.....	10	100
Neptune. An attractive combination of rosy pink flecked on white, deepening the shading from the tip to the base of the petals, and from the edge to the center of the large cup-shaped flowers.....	40	00
Odorata rosea. The Cape Cod Pond-Lily. Flowers 4 to 5 inches across, beautiful rose-pink, very fragrant.....	7	00
Odorata, W. B. Shaw. The fragrance of the blooms, added to their rich rose-color, makes this one of the most attractive hardy Nymphaeas. It produces flowers almost continuously.....	8	00
Pink Opal. A new deep pink variety which has proved its value. The buds are almost round, opening into a flower with comparatively short petals, and having a distinct value for cutting.....	12	50
Rose Arey. This variety seems to be in bloom all the time, and the dark pink color of the blooms is very effective. The plants make a strong, heavy growth.....	150	00
Tuberosa rosea. The blooms are a delightful shade of pink, usually 4 to 5 inches across, and borne well above the water, making them very desirable for cutting. Plant strong and vigorous.....	8	00
William Doogue. Delicate pink blooms, with a fragrance which renders them doubly attractive. Plant flowers continually, and the splendid, cup-shaped flowers, 5 to 6 inches across, form a desirable addition to any pool.....	20	00
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The following varieties can be supplied in limited quantities only, as they are new and scarce:

René Gerard.	\$85	00
Marguerite la Place.	85	00
Lustrous.	70	00
Formosa.	35	00
Somptuosa.	50	00
Laydekeri rosea.	35	00

Red Waterlilies

Attraction. The color of this superb variety is deep red, tinged with rose, and the sepals are white, striped with the color of the flower. This is easily the largest hardy Waterlily in cultivation, as it will frequently produce blooms 8 inches across. \$50 00 \$450 00

GLORIOSA. This can well be called the most satisfactory Waterlily. It is the earliest to bloom, and continues to flower until late summer, producing more blooms than any other sort. In the spring the flower is colored a deep carmine, which becomes darker as the season lengthens. The blooms are perfect in form, and 4 to 6 inches across. 35 00 325 00

James Brydon. An unusual rosy crimson flower, beautifully cup-shaped and of free-blooming habit. The foliage is handsome. 25 00 225 00

Vesuve. The petals are a very bright, dark red, the stamens are red, tipped with yellow—a striking color combination that attracts the attention of the visitor. Next to Gloriosa it is the freest flowering red Lily. Young leaves are dark red, mottled with brown. 40.00

William Falconer. Blooms good sized, 6 to 7 inches across. While this is not a new variety, it is always scarce, because it is the darkest colored red Waterlily. Not only are the petals a deep, dark red, but the stamens also, giving the entire flower a richness attained by no other Lily. 35 00

New and Scarce Varieties:

		10
<i>Arethusa</i>	.....	\$35 00
<i>Atropurpurea</i>	.....	75 00
<i>Escarboucle</i>	.....	55 00
<i>James Hudson</i>	.....	70 00
<i>Ellisiana</i>	.....	35 00
<i>Picciola</i>	.....	70 00
<i>Laydekeri purpurata</i>	.....	12 50

Waterlilies need no attention after planting, other than to see that the pool or tub has an ample depth of water. If planted in a natural pond, the tubers may be sunk in the soft bottom; if in a pool or tub, the tubers should be put in a box of soil (about 2 feet square and 1 foot deep), cover the soil with an inch or so of clean sand, then fill with water.



Yellow and Copper-Bronze Waterlilies

Aurora. When the flowers first open	10	100
they are a creamy yellow tinted with rose, which gradually changes to a dark red by the third day. A small plant, suitable for tub-culture.....	\$13 50	\$125 00
Comanche. A strong-growing variety and the finest of the changeable types. The prevailing color the first day is apricot, deepening later to a rich copper-bronze, streaked with red.....	35 00	
Indiana. This brilliantly colored and prolific type changes from yellow-orange to bright coppery red. Leaves heavily blotched, showing little of the olive-green through the dark maroon shading.	20 00	
Marliacea chromatella. Medium-sized flowers, usually 4 to 6 inches across, bright yellow, with stamens somewhat deeper in color. Leaves green, mottled brown. One of the best yellows and a most satisfactory Waterlily. Best seller on the market today.....	12 25	100 00
Paul Hariot. Certainly one of the very best varieties, and one of the most beautiful of the hardy Lilies. Petals are clear yellow, shading to red toward the center of the flowers and at the base of the petals. The plants bloom almost continuously, and are most satisfactory for planting in home-grounds.....	27 50	250 00
Sioux. Changeable bronze-red.....	22 50	
Solfatare. Changeable brassy pink..	20 00	



Tropical Waterlilies

BLUE, LAVENDER, PURPLE, RED, WHITE,
AND PINK

Tropical Waterlilies, or *Nymphaeas*, have many desirable qualities. Although they are set out late in the season, usually June, they make such remarkable growth that within several weeks blossoms appear, and continue increasing in size and numbers until heavy frosts destroy the foliage.

Night-blooming Tropicals

The Night-blooming or, more accurately, night-opening *Nymphaeas*, are derived from very ancient parentage. To the Egyptians, they were known as the Lotus, and from the records remaining to us we may trace the important part they played in the life and religion of this mystic race. Opening at dusk, these flowers are the guardians of the night, not closing again until the sun is high in the heavens; and if the sky be overcast, the vigil continues through the whole day, perhaps, and the following night until the wayward sun returns, or the bloom's allotted span of life (five days) has passed.

Devonshire. The blooms are pure red, carried 10
well above the water. The leaves, 8 inches
across, make this sort more suitable for
pools than for tub-culture. \$10 00

Frank Trelease. Should be in every collection,
as it is the darkest of all Waterlilies—
deep crimson. The foliage is dark bronze... 15 00

Juno (*N. dentata superba*). An improvement
upon *N. dentata*, of which it is a seedling.
Flowers are large and sepals and petals are
extra broad. Vigorous and free-flowering.
Awarded a Certificate of Merit by the
Massachusetts Horticultural Society..... 20 00



The flowers of Tropical Waterlilies are carried above the water, thus differing from the hardy sorts (shown in this picture) which float on the surface

Day-blooming Tropical Waterlilies

August Koch. Viviparous blue with lilac-purple shading.....	10
	\$17 50
Bluebird. A real blue. Viviparous.....	35 00
Dauben. The best known viviparous Lily. Produces small blue flowers in great profusion. The small leaf-plants frequently bloom while still attached to parent plant. Fine for tub or aquarium culture. A continuous bloomer.....	8 00
General Pershing. One of the finest novelties of recent years. Very large, fragrant flowers of pure, warm pink, unlike any other Day-blooming Waterlily. Very free-flowering and one of the most highly prized.....	35 00
Mrs. C. W. Ward. Petals rich rose-pink, illumined by a mass of golden stamens. Flowers are borne well out of the water.....	15 00
Mrs. Edwards Whitaker. The largest and most striking of the day-blooming tropical Lilies. Its blooms are frequently over a foot in diameter and are produced in quantity. The color is lavender-blue, which becomes paler as the bloom ages. Petals slightly rounded at the tips and quite numerous.....	20 00
Mrs. George H. Pring. A new and novel type that produces numbers of large, fragrant, white flowers with pointed petals.....	20 00
Panama Pacific. Flowers deep royal purple, with yellow stamens. The buds are green-bronze, flaked with red-brown, and the petals edged with red. Like the other viviparous Lilies, it blooms freely and perpetually in the proper environment. One of the best conservatory types.....	20 00



Nelumbium nucifera

DAY-BLOOMING TROPICALS, continued

Pennsylvanica. Deep blue flowers a foot across and produced freely; sepals marked with purple lines and dots. The leaves are slightly speckled with brown above; beneath, the ground-color is red-purple at the edge, shading to pale green centers. Desirable in a small pool or tub	10
William Stone. Rich violet-blue, shaded amaranth	17 50
Zanzibariensis. Flowers are deep purple, some 6 to 8 inches across; fragrant	15 00
Zanzibariensis azurea. Similar to the preceding, except that the flowers are lighter in color and a trifle more open	15 00
Zanzibariensis rosea. General characteristics of this plant are the same as the above, with the exception of the colors, which are in various shades of rose. They open earlier in the morning than the other sorts.	12 50
	15 00

Nelumbiums—the Water Lotuses of Ancient Worship and Lore

Speciosum. The Sacred Lotus of the Nile. It grows well under almost all conditions. Both flowers and leaves stand well above the water. The rosy pink blooms are always large and fragrant	100
	\$12 50
Luteum. This variety, native to some of the states in the South and West, is commonly known as the Water Chinquapin or American Lotus. Flowers rich yellow . . .	100 00



Myosotis (Forget-me-not)

Aquatic Plants for Bogs and Shallow Water

Giant Arrowhead (<i>Sagittaria sagittifolia</i>).	10	100
Distinctive leaves shaped as the name indicates, and standing 1 to 3 feet above water. Flowers freely in a series of white spikes.....	\$1 50	\$10 00
Great Bulrush (<i>Scirpus lacustris</i>). A very interesting Rush 3 to 9 feet high.....	2 50	20 00
Weeping Bulrush (<i>S. cernuus</i>). A dwarf variety growing from 3 to 12 inches high.....	1 25	10 00
Cat-tail (<i>Typha latifolia</i>). One of the favorite native swamp plants..	1 00	6 00
Floating Heart (<i>Nymphoides peltatum</i>). This plant has leaves like the nymphæas and produces brilliant yellow flowers quite freely. It is hardy and will go well with almost any combination.....	1 00	8 00
Forget-me-not (<i>Myosotis scorpioides</i>). Small blue flowers with golden centers; dark green foliage. Very attractive along a stream and will grow equally well in water or on the border.....	1 50	12 00
Flowering Rush (<i>Butomus umbellata</i>). A hardy plant with peculiar three-sided leaves in graceful clumps. Attractive pink flowers are borne aloft on round stems. Fine for naturalizing in a pond....	1 50	12 00
Flag, Sweet (<i>Acorus calamus</i>). The well-known Sweet Flag.....	1 50	12 00

AQUATIC PLANTS, continued

Variegated Sweet Flag (<i>A. calamus variegatus</i>). A beautiful variegated Sweet Flag.....	10	100
Four-leaf Water Clover. A four-leaf Clover which sends up a luxurious growth of aerial leaves..	1 00	6 00
Iris pseudacorus (Yellow Flag). A tall, sword-leaved plant bearing broad yellow flowers of the Japanese Iris type. Valuable and attractive.....	1 50	12 00
Iris versicolor (Blue Flag). Like the yellow variety, only the flowers are blue and it is not such a rank grower.....	1 50	12 00
Parrot Feather (<i>Myriophyllum proserpinacoides</i>). A very interesting little aquatic plant. Will grow in 12 to 15 inches of water or in moist soil equally as well. Has feather-like foliage which always attracts attention.....	1 00	8 00
Pickerel Weed (<i>Pontederia cordata</i>). The blue flowers of this plant have made many friends, particularly as they are produced freely..	1 50	12 00
Primrose Willow (<i>Jussiaea repens</i>). A rapid-growing, partially submerged vine with waxy green leaves and yellow flowers.....	1 00	8 00
Water Plantain (<i>Alisma plantago-aquatica</i>). A plant with heart-shaped leaves standing about a foot above the water, and spikes of white flowers.....	1 00	8 00
Water-Cress. Thrives in sun or shade. Edible; hardy.....	1 00	8 00
Wild Calla (<i>Calla palustris</i>). Like a Calla Lily, but much smaller. A desirable plant for shallow water..	1 00	8 00
Wild Rice (<i>Zizania aquatica</i>). The importance of Wild Rice as a food for water-fowl cannot be over-emphasized. Easily grown in shallow water and is decidedly ornamental, as it shoots up rapidly and makes a growth of 5 to 10 feet.....	50	5 00

Submerged or Oxygenating Plants

The chief value of these plants is to prevent the water in pools and aquariums from becoming green and stagnant, and to provide food and protection for fish.

<i>Anacharis (Elodea canadensis)</i>	10	100
<i>Cabomba or Fanwort</i>	1 00	8 00
<i>Myriophyllum</i>	1 00	
<i>Ludwigia</i>	1 00	8 00
<i>Sagittaria</i>	1 00	8 00
<i>Vallisneria</i>	50	3 00

Goldfish

Small Goldfish for Stocking Pools

Common Goldfish, Breeders, assorted colors.	10	100
3 to 4 in.....	\$2 00	\$16 00
4 to 6 in.....	2 50	20 00
5 to 7 in.....	5 00	40 00
Young Giant Goldfish, Breeders, assorted colors.	7 00	56 00
8 to 10 in.....	10 00	80 00
10 to 12 in.....	15 00	120 00
(Will be furnished in all red if customers prefer.)		
Comet Tail, assorted colors, or red.		
4 to 6 in.....	5 00	40 00
Comet Tail, Breeders, assorted colors, or red.		
6 to 9 in.....	10 00	80 00
9 to 12 in.....	20 00	160 00
Fantail. 2 to 3 in.....	5 00	40 00
Fantail, Breeders. 3 to 4 in.....	7 50	70 00
Shubunkins, mottled blue, red, black.		
2 to 3 in.....	2 50	20 00
3 to 5 in.....	5 00	40 00
Shubunkins, Large Breeders, mottled blue, red, black.		
5 to 8 in....	25 00	
Pearl Roach. A beautiful fish with pearl scales and red fins.		
2 to 3 in..	5 00	40 00
3 to 6 in.....	10 00	
Cardinal Fish. Keep moss out of pools.	\$5 per doz.	

Scavengers for the Pool

Japanese Snails. Devour algae and green scum, thus helping to keep the water clear. Medium size...	10	100
Medium size....	\$0 75	\$3 00
Large.....	1 00	5 00
Black Ramshorn Snails. Medium size; very prolific and useful in ponds	50	2 50
African or Paper-shell Snails. Medium size; spotted; prolific.....	50	3 00
Clams. \$1.25 per doz.		
Tadpoles, Large (Green Frogs).	50	2 00
Green Frogs. Medium size.....	2 50	
Collection of Scavengers for large pool, \$3		
10 collections for \$25		

Goldfish and Scavengers must be sent by express. For this purpose we furnish metal containers, the cost of which will be added to the invoice. Containers returned to us by prepaid express will be credited at the invoice price.

Food and Supplies

The various items here listed can be shipped immediately, as we carry a supply amply large for your requirements. In all cases, it is advisable to send supplies by express.

Pure Dried Shrimp. An excellent natural food for gamefish, goldfish, and tropicals, consisting of the meat of sea shrimp dried and ground. Lb. (or 1 qt.) 75 cts.

Dried Daphniæ. The carcasses of small crustaceans, sometimes called "water fleas." They are the highest quality fish-food as they do not foul the water unless fed in too large quantities. Excellent for tropical fish. Qt. \$2.50.

Independence Prepared Fish-food. Contains meat and cereals. A balanced food giving the fish a variety of diet. The food we feed our fish. Lb. 75 cts.

Enchytre Worms. Small white worms, a live food for feeding tropical fish. They act as a laxative and keep the fish healthy. The worms are raised in a mixture of good soil, leaf-mold preferred, and are fed on bread and milk every two weeks. 1-qt. carton 75 cts.

Turks Island Sea Salt. Does not contain any ingredient to prevent it from caking. Fish exhaust the supply of salt in the aquarium in approximately one month. This should be replenished, using salt as a preventive for disease. Is far better than any cure. Qt. 40 cts.

German Fungus Cure. A cure for most fish diseases; removes scum or fungus growth in a few hours. It is advisable to use as an antiseptic before introducing new fish in the aquarium, or on fish after a trip in a shipping-can. Dozen boxes \$1.75.

Blood-Meal. A good fertilizer for all water plants. Use 1 quart per bushel of clay soil, or 1 quart for 2 bushels of good garden soil. Qt. carton 50 cts.

Aquarium Cement. For constructing or mending aquariums. Oil in small can and dry powder, packed in a quart carton, to be mixed as needed. Full directions on package. Carton 80 cts.

Dip-nets. Goldfish Nets, 6-in., with 2-ft. wood handles. 50 cts. each.

Small Cloth Nets, 3-in., 15 cts. each.

Glass Thermometer. 50 cts. each.

Glass Feeding-Ring. 10 cts. each.

Glass Dip-Tubes. To remove sediment from aquarium. 40 cts. each.

Extension Socket and Clips. To hold heating bulb in tropical aquarium. 35 cts. each.

Plaster Paris Chemical Shells. Neutralize alkali; prevent holes in the shells of snails; retard the danger of Ichthyophthira in tropical aquarium. \$1 per doz.

Aquariums

Each season sees Aquariums growing in popularity. There is a peculiar fascination attached to the fish and aquatic plants that appeals to everyone. An Aquarium is valuable from an educational point, as it gives an opportunity to study types of animal- and plant-life at close range.

We intend to carry Aquariums in stock at all times, especially the smaller sizes, and therefore your order will be filled promptly. Special sizes may be shipped directly from the factory, but even here we are sure you will get prompt service.

Handy Aquarium. Welded steel frame; painted green.

No. 301. 10 x 6 x 7 in. Holds about 2 gallons of water.....\$1.50 each, \$12 per doz.

No. 103. 14 x 8 x 10 in. Holds 5 gallons of water.....\$5 each

Home Aquarium. Holds 18 gallons of water. Frame made of drawn angle aluminum with heavy cast aluminum corners and feet. Durable and rigid. This is the practical size for gold and tropical fish.

Size 22 x 13 x 14 in.....\$12 each
Ornamental Iron Stand to match.....\$12 each

Majestic Aquarium. This Aquarium has a strong cast aluminum frame, solidly anchored to a heavy black slate base without a top frame. The glass is heavy plate with polished edge, giving a very attractive and beautiful appearance.

Size 30 x 14 x 16 in. Holds 29 gallons.....\$40 each
Ornamental Iron Stand to match.....\$15 each

Imperial Aquarium. Made with heavy cast aluminum frame without any metal frame around the top edge. Slate bottom. The glass is rolled edged, very substantial and attractive.

Size 16 x 9 x 10 in. Holds 6 gallons.....\$12 each
Size 20 x 11 x 12 in. Holds 11 gallons.....\$15 each

Large Aquariums. These Aquariums are an ornament for any home or store. They afford the fish plenty of room to move around, and being large they are a little nearer to conditions that nature intended fish to live in. The frame is made of 1 1/4-inch drawn-angle aluminum with large cast aluminum corners. The base is of 7/8-inch black slate.

26 1/2 x 17 x 7 in. Holds 25 gallons.....\$30 each
Stand.....\$15 each

33 x 19 x 19 in. Holds 37 gallons.....\$38 each
Stand.....\$15 each

39 x 19 x 21 in. Holds 53 gallons.....\$70 each
Stand.....\$25 each

51 x 19 x 21 in. Holds 70 gallons.....\$85 each
Stand.....\$30 each

63 x 19 x 21 in. Holds 96 gallons.....\$125 each
Stand.....\$35 each

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